



Gathering Of Wood In The Libby Valley

To understand the effects of vermiculite mining activity on the surrounding forest area, EPA sampled tree bark and forest ground covering around the Vermiculite Mountain mine. Asbestos fibers were detected in both the tree bark and forest ground covering as far as 8 miles away from the mine.

Based on these findings, EPA suggests residents only cut and gather firewood from outside of the Libby valley.

Be aware the bark from trees in the Libby valley may contain asbestos fibers.